

**POST 77 DOES ITS PART  
WITH UPCOMING MEMORIAL DAY  
SERVICE, MAY 28TH**

Deceased American veterans, they made certain that we live in freedom. At the Post 77 Memorial Day ceremony, we will celebrate their memory and their accomplishments on our behalf. We ask Post 77 members, their families, and others in the community to join us at 11 a.m., May 29 at the Woodland Cemetery, Cross Street entrance.

The main speaker for the Memorial Day ceremony will be Colonel Cassandra Salvatore, Commander of the 9th Medical Group at Beale Air Force Base. She commands three squadrons delivering medical care to 16,000. Col. Salvatore's decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, the Aerial Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal with bronze star, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with bronze star, and Southeast Asia Service Medal with bronze star.

*Dave Isbell, Second Vice Commander*

**POST 77 TO SEND NINE STUDENTS  
TO GIRLS AND BOYS STATE**

June and July are the times for the annual California American Legion Girls and Boys State. The Post 77 Auxiliary is sending three girls, one from Woodland, one from Winters, and a third high school student from Davis. The girls from throughout the American Legion district will meet on May 6 for a tea to learn about what Girls State, to be held at Fresno State, will be like.

Six high schools in Yolo County have chosen high school juniors to go to Boys State at Sacramento State on June 16 through 23. Those students are from Esparto, Pioneer, Woodland, Winters, Davis, and Woodland Christian high schools.

*Mary Cogburn and Warren Meyer,  
Girls and Boys State Chairs*

**TRADITION CONTINUES WITH  
OFFICER INSTALLATION DINNER  
ON JUNE 29**

Let's all get together at the Post 77 Hall for dinner on Friday, June 29th, 6:00 p.m. That's the rib eye steak dinner that will take place along with the swearing in of the new Post 77 officers. Those officers for the 2006-07 year are: Corbin Smith, Commander; Dave Isbell, First Vice Commander; Dan Cameron, Second Vice Commander; Gary Leach, Adjutant; Chris Clemons, Assistant Adjutant; Gil Garcia, Chaplain; Warren Meyers, Financial Officer; Steve Waldeck, Treasurer; Larry Schapiro, Historian; Vince Olvera, Sergeant-at-Arms and Ray Redmill, Clubhouse Manager.

The price for the steak dinner with all the fixings is \$12. Dinner tickets can be obtained by calling the Post at 662-9772 or by purchase at the door on June 29. Looking forward to seeing you then.

*Terry Parkhurst, Commander*



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Corbin Smith, 1st Vice Commander  
Dave Isbell, 2nd Vice Commander  
Larry Schapiro, Immediate Past Commander  
Ron Gee, Adjutant  
Warren Meyer, Financial Officer  
Steve Waldeck, Treasurer  
Vince Olvera, Sergeant-at-Arms  
Gil Garcia, Chaplain  
Zeke Plocher, Service Officer  
Ray Redmill, Clubroom Manager  
Frank Eakle, Athletic Committee Chair

## EVENT CALENDARS

### May 2007

3rd	7:00 p.m.	Yolo County Veterans' Coalition meeting at West Sacramento VFW
8th		Victory in Europe Day Declared (1945)
16th	7:00 p.m.	Executive Committee meeting
19th		Armed Forces Day
22nd	7:30 p.m.	Membership meeting
27th	Various times	Put out small U.S. flags at cemeteries around county
28th	6:30 a.m.	Put out flags on Main St. and Woodland Cemetery
28th	11:00 a.m.	Memorial Day ceremony at Woodland Cemetery
28th	12 noon	Free Memorial Day luncheon at the Post hall
28th	4:00 p.m.	Take down flags from Main St. and cemeteries

### June 2007

3rd	8:00 a.m.	Post 77 Art Casas Memorial Golf Tournament
6th		Allied Invasion of Europe (1944)
7th	7:00 p.m.	Yolo County Veterans' Coalition meeting at Post 77
10th	10:00 a.m.	Legion District meeting, Fair Oaks
14th	6:30 a.m.	Flag Day - Put out flags on Main Street, Woodland
14th	4:00 p.m.	Take down flags from Main Street
20th	7:00 p.m.	Executive Committee meeting
21st-24th		89th Legion State convention, Palm Springs
26th	7:30 p.m.	Membership meeting (Election of new Post 77 officers)
29th	6:00 p.m.	Rib-eye steak dinner for installation of new Post 77 officers, \$12.

## AUXILIARY

### May 2007

1st	7:00 p.m.	Regular meeting
13th through 19th		Selling Buddy Poppies
28th	12 noon	Auxiliary's Annual Memorial Day Luncheon

### June 2007

5th	7:00 p.m.	Regular meeting
10th	9:00 a.m.	Auxiliary District meeting
22nd		Pledge of Allegiance recognized by Congress (1942)

Mary Cogburn-President,  
 Donna Altamirano-First Vice President,  
 Mary Lavorico-Second Vice President,  
 Carolyn Smith-Secretary/Treasurer

## DOYLE GASPERSON ENDS LONG "TOUR-OF-DUTY" AS POST 77 CLUBROOM AND BUILDING MANAGER

It literally took body parts not working for Doyle Gasperson to give up his long-held jobs at Post 77 of both Clubroom Manager and Building Manager. Looks like Doyle will be getting knee replacements.

To Doyle: thanks for all those years of extraordinary service to the American Legion and veterans. If there was a job that needed to be done, Doyle Gasperson was there to do it. He devised the idea of putting up large flags at the Woodland Cemetery. He did not stop there. Doyle constructed each of the flag poles, mounted the casket flags on each, and was at the cemetery virtually every patriotic holiday to help put up those flags – flags that have now become a symbol of Post 77's work in the community. When Bud Emerson bought replacement ceiling tiles for the hall, Doyle was there to put them up. Wherever you point, there is Doyle's work – the patio, senior softball, flag room construction work, tiling of the clubroom, kitchen repair, Post Commander, First Vice Commander, Second Vice Commander, etc., etc.

Here's to Doyle's knees getting better and having him back more.

*If you would like a ride to monthly Post 77 meetings, please call Larry Schapiro at telephone number 304-6099*

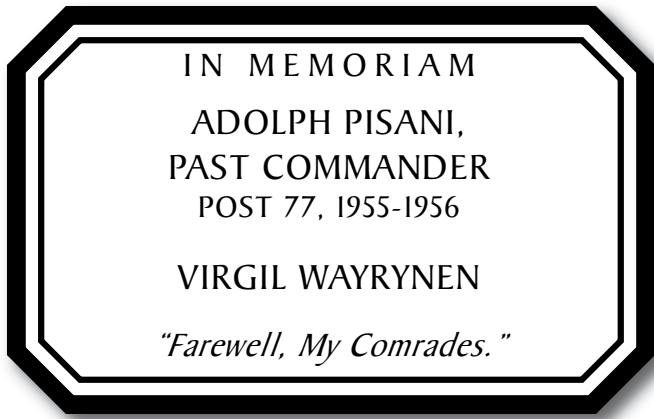
## POST 77 GOLF TOURNAMENT ON JUNE 3RD

Phil Tapia, chair of the Post 77 Art Casas Memorial Golf Tournament, is accepting reservations for this year's golf tournament, Sunday, June 3, 8:00 a.m. The location is the Wild Wings Golf Course near the Flyers Club. Eighteen holes of golf will be followed by a steak luncheon at the Post 77 hall.

All players will begin play at 8:00 a.m. at different holes. There are prizes for participants.

To reserve a spot, call Phil Tapia at (530) 669-7154.

*If you have any questions about the Post 77 Women's Auxiliary or would like a ride to an Auxiliary meeting, call Mary Cogburn at 662-0624.*



## AUXILIARY MEMBERS TO SELL BUDDY POPPIES FROM MAY 13 THROUGH 19

The Poppy Program is the oldest and most widely recognized American Legion Auxiliary program. Auxiliary volunteers distribute millions of bright red crepe poppies in exchange for contributions to assist disabled and hospitalized veterans. The program provides multiple benefits to veterans and to the community. Donations are used exclusively to assist and support veterans and their families

The poppy also reminds the community of the past sacrifices and continuing needs of our veterans. The poppy has become a nationally known and recognized symbol of sacrifice to honor the men and women who served and died for their country in all wars.

*Carolyn Smith, Auxiliary Secretary-Treasurer*

## PERCENTAGE OF SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY CAN BE INCREASED

For those with less than a 100 percent service-connected disability, the Veterans Administration takes applications to reevaluate that disability. That is, if your service-connected disability has worsened, you can apply for and may be able to get an increase in the percentage of your disability. With the increased percentage of service-connected disability, additional benefits are available.

As an example, let's consider a veteran with a 10 percent diabetes service-connected disability. If that veteran starts to take medication because of the worsening of the service-connected disability, the percentage of disability may be raised an additional 10 to 20 percent. Should the disability require the veteran to take insulin, the veteran is placed at a minimum of 40 percent disability. There is an additional 10 percent for each foot peripheral neuropathy.

With an increased service-connected disability, you usually are entitled to higher disability payments. Being designated at 100 percent service-connected disabled can also get the veteran free dental, reduced property taxes, and a military I.D. to use at commissaries on military bases.

For questions on filing a reevaluation of a military service-related disability, contact Yolo County Veterans Service Officer Ted Puntillo at (530) 406-4850.

*Zeke Plocher, Post 77 Service Officer*

## TWENTY-THREE YEARS SINCE VIETNAM VETERAN HAS BEEN HOME

Post 77 and the Yolo County Veterans Coalition are at work, along with the County Coroner's Office and the County Public Guardian's Office, to have the remains of a Vietnam War veteran moved from his "John Doe" cremation burial site at Monument Hill in Yolo County back to near his family in New York State.

Laurel Weeks of the Yolo County Coroner's Division of the Sheriff's Office was able this year to determine, after 22 years of having no identity, who the "John Doe" veteran was. Weeks was even able to locate the deceased veteran's sister in New York. It turned out that the veteran had traveled to California in 1985 and was never heard from again until Ms. Weeks' discovery earlier this year.

This detective work that Laurel Weeks and others at the Yolo County Coroner's Office did should have been the hardest part of reuniting the deceased soldier with his family. But because of a financial crisis due to an illness in the veteran's family, they have been unable to afford the \$990 that Monument Hill Cemetery is asking for the disinterment.

Post 77 is seeking funds to help this veteran, winner of the Vietnam Service Medal and Vietnam Campaign Medal, to be moved back to New York for burial.

*Gil Garcia, Chaplain*

PLEASE SAVE YOUR NUGGET MARKET RECEIPTS FOR US. THE RECEIPTS ARE TURNED IN TO HELP PAY FOR VETERANS PLOTS AT THE WOODLAND AND MONUMENT HILL CEMETERIES.

*Ron Gee, Adjutant*



Post 77 Second Vice Commander Dave Isbell presents, on behalf of the Post, the American Legion ROTC Outstanding Cadet Award at U.C. Davis ROTC awards dinner.



National Football League Hall of Fame member and Raiders great Jim Otto stopped by the Post 77 clubroom to celebrate his birthday with us, including Post member Dan Campbell (l.).

### POST 77 BASEBALL FAN APPRECIATION RAFFLE

The Post 77 Athletic Committee will be mailing out to you in mid-May the annual Fan Appreciation Raffle tickets, along with the 2007 baseball team schedule. Raffle tickets will also be available in the Post Clubroom. Prizes are a \$500, \$200, \$100, and two \$50 United States Savings Bonds.

The money raised for the raffle goes for this year's expenses of the baseball team. "Even baseball team costs are getting higher and higher," notes Athletic Committee Chair Frank Eakle.

Raffle tickets are \$2 each. You do not have to be present to win. We would appreciate your support.

*Members of the Post 77 Athletic Committee*

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